wherein

all of plural R^4s are same as or different from each other, and each of plural R^4s

represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent and which has 1 to 30 carbon

atoms or represents a siloxy group which may have a substituent and which has 1 to 200
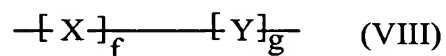
silicon atoms,

G represents an alkylene group, which may have a substituent and which has 1 to 20

carbon atoms, or an arylene group

b represents a number selected from 1 to 500 as an average value of plural numbers or

represents an integer of 1 to 20 as a single number, and

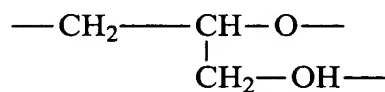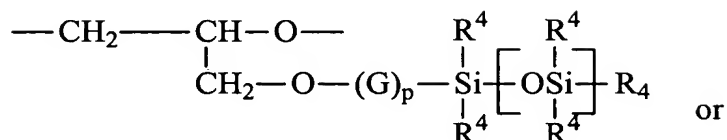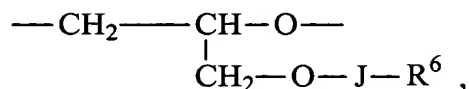p represents a number selected from 0 and 1, and

e represents a number being 5 or more on the average.

11. (Amended) A polyether represented by the formula (VIII):

$$\underset{f}{+X+}\quad\underset{g}{+Y+} \quad \text{(VIII)}$$

wherein

X represents

$$-CH_2\text{----}\underset{\underset{\displaystyle CH_2-O-R^5}{|}}{CH}-O-\quad,$$

$$-CH_2\text{----}\underset{\underset{\displaystyle CH_2-O-J-R^6}{|}}{CH}-O-\quad,$$

$$-CH_2\text{----}\underset{\underset{\displaystyle CH_2-O-(G)_p-\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R^4}{|}}{\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R^4}{|}}{Si}}\left[\underset{\underset{\displaystyle R^4}{|}}{\overset{\overset{\displaystyle R^4}{|}}{OSi}}\right]R_4}{|}}{CH}-O-\quad \text{or}$$

$$-CH_2\text{----}\underset{\underset{\displaystyle CH_2-OH}{|}}{CH}-O-\text{---}$$

in which R^5 represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent and which has 8 to 50 carbon atoms,

R^6 represents a fluoroalkyl group having 2 to 30 carbon atoms,

J represents an alkylene group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and

all of plural R^4s are same as or different from each other, and each of plural R^4s represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent and which has 1 to 30 carbon atoms or represents a siloxy group which may have a substituent and which has 1 to 200 silicon atoms,

G represents an alkylene group, which may have a substituent and which has 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or an arylene group

b represents a number selected from 1 to 500 as an average value of plural numbers or represents an integer of 1 to 20 as a single number, and
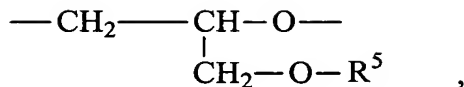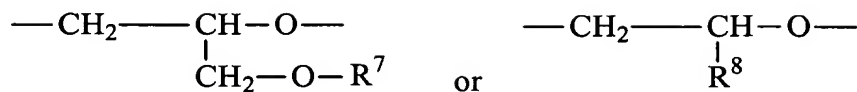
p represents a number selected from 0 and 1,

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Y represents

$$-CH_2\text{——}\underset{\underset{R^7}{|}}{\underset{CH_2-O-}{}}\overset{}{CH}-O- \quad \text{or} \quad -CH_2\text{——}\underset{\underset{R^8}{|}}{CH}-O-$$

, represents a group represented by X (provided the case in which X and Y are the

same is excluded), or represents a group originated from an anionic-polymerizable monomer

other than the substituted epoxide, in which case Y may be plural types,

in which R^7 represents a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms or represents

a trialkyl (an alkyl group has 1 to 4 carbon atoms) silyl group,

R^8 represents a hydrogen atom or represents a hydrocarbon group or halogen-

substituted hydrocarbon group having 1 to 22 carbon atoms,

f represents a number of 150 or more when X is

$$-CH_2\text{——}\underset{\underset{CH_2-O-R^5}{|}}{CH}-O- \quad \text{or} \quad -CH_2\text{——}\underset{CH_2-OH}{CH}-O-$$

and represents a number of 5 or more when X is the other group, and

g represents a number being 5 or more.

Please add the following claims.

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12. (New) The polyether of Claim 6, wherein the a=0 and R^5 is an alkyl or alkenyl

group.

13. (New) The polyether of Claim 6, wherein R^5 has 8 to 42 carbon atoms.

14. (New) The polyether of Claim 6, wherein c is from 200 to 1,000,000.

15. (New) The polyether of Claim 7, wherein R^6 is a perfluoroalkyl group having 4 to 12 carbon atoms.

16. (New) The polyether of Claim 7, wherein J is an alkylene group having from 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

17. (New) The polyether of Claim 7, wherein d is from 20 to 2,000,000.

18. (New) The polyether of Claim 7, wherein d is from 100 to 1,000,000.

19. (New) The polyether of Claim 10, wherein e is from 10 to 1,000,000.

20. (New) The polyether of Claim 11, wherein f is from 150 to 1,000,000.

21. (New) The polyether of Claim 11, wherein g is from 10 to 1,000,000.

22. (New) The polyether of Claim 11, wherein f is from 190 to 1,000,000.

23. (New) The polyether of Claim 11, wherein g is from 280 to 1,000,000.

24. (New) The polyether of Claim 11, wherein f is from 420 to 1,000,000.